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Matins.

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Being the Office for Opening the Morning Session of the School of Catechumens of Christ Church, N. Y.

¶ The School shall assemble at nine o'clock, A.M., in the school-room. Procession shall be formed, which shall pass into the Church.

¶ The Minister at the Sanctuary gates shall say, all standing,

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. *Amen.*

¶ Here all shall kneel, except the Minister and those in the choir.

Our Father, &c., but deliver us from evil. Amen.

¶ Here all shall stand.

℣. O Lord open Thou my lips.
℟. *And my mouth shall show forth Thy praise.*
℣. O God, make speed to save me.
℟. *O Lord make haste to help me.*

Gloria Patri.
Alleluya.

¶ But during Septuagesima and Lent, instead of Alleluya, is sung

Praise to Thee O Lord, we sing,
Of Glory the Eternal King.

Venite, exultemus Domino.
The Hymn.
The Portion of Psalms.
The Lesson.

℣. But Thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.
℟. *Thanks be to God.*

¶ And after The Lesson, either Te Deum, or

The Benedictus.

¶ When the latter is sung, the Minister, entering the Sanctuary and passing up to the midst of The Altar, shall say,

℣. The Lord is King.
℟. *He hath clothed Himself with Majesty.*

Alleluya.

¶ But Alleluya is not sung in Septuagesima and Lent.

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel: for He hath visited and redeemed His people.
And hath raised up a mighty salvation for us: in the house of His servant David.
As He spake by the mouth of His holy Prophets: which have been since the world began.
That we should be saved from our enemies: and from the hand of all that hate us.
To perform the Mercy promised to our forefathers: and to remember His Holy Covenant.
To perform the oath which He sware to our forefather Abraham: that He would give us;
That we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies: might serve Him without fear;
In holiness and righteousness before Him: all the days of our life.
And Thou, Child, shalt be called the Prophet of the Highest: for Thou shalt go before the face of the Lord, to prepare His ways;
To give knowledge of Salvation unto His people: for the remission of their sins.
Through the Tender Mercy of our God: whereby the Day-Spring from on High hath visited us;
To give Light to them that sit in darkness, and in the shadow of death: and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Gloria Patri.

¶ Then shall the Minister descend from the altar, and, standing again before the Sanctuary gates, shall say,

The Apostles' or The Nicene Creed.

℣. The Lord be with you.
℟. *And with Thy Spirit.*

Let us pray.

¶ Then, all except the Minister kneeling, shall follow the Collect for the Day, the Collect for Peace, the Collect for Grace, and, after these, the following or any two of them.

O LORD JESUS CHRIST, Who didst sit lowly in the midst of the doctors, both hearing them and asking them questions: Grant unto us, Thy servants, both aptness to teach and willingness to learn Thy blessed will, Who, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, livest One God, world without end. *Amen.*

O GOD, Who didst reveal Thyself to Thy prophet Samuel while he was yet a child: Sow the seed of Eternal Life in the hearts of these Thy children: that whatsoever in Thy Church and Holy Word they shall profitably learn, they may in deed fulfil the same. Through our Lord Jesus Christ Thy Son, Who with Thee liveth and reigneth in the unity of the Holy Ghost, God. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY GOD, we praise Thy Name, and entreat Thee: That we who are placed in the bosom of Thy Church, our Mother, may be stablished therein by Thy love: Through our Lord Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

O GOD, Who commandest us to exercise the music of our souls, in one time in strains of joy, in another time in sounds of mourning: Grant, we beseech Thee, that we who now sing in concert to Thee in this spiritual choir, may learn to be worthy of praising Thee in the fellowship of the Saints with everlasting music and choirs: Through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

℣. The Lord be with you.
℟. *And with Thy Spirit.*
℣. Bless we the Lord.
℟. *Thanks be to God.*

AMEN.

¶ The school shall then retire in procession to the school-room for instruction under the catechists.